

order to provide town service to these areas, and to insure more orderly development, annexation by the town may be necessary.

The Biscoe Planning Area has potential for growth and development. If the people of the area will plan and work together for the good of the entire region, this potential can be realized.

POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

For effective long-range planning, population changes for the Biscoe Planning Area during the next twenty years must be projected. Past trends correlated with present population and socio-economic conditions are the bases for such a projection.

TABLE 1: POPULATION 1910-1960 WITH PERCENT INCREASE PER DECADE

Political Division	1910	1920	% Inc.	1930	% Inc.	1940	% Inc.	1950	% Inc.	1960	% Inc.
Montgomery County	14,967	14,607	-2.4	16,218	11.0	16,280	0.4	17,260	6.0	18,408	6.6
Biscoe Township	3,416	3,635	6.4	4,222	16.1	4,432	5.0	5,671	28.0	5,914	4.3
Biscoe	697	755	8.3	819	8.5	843	2.9	1,034	22.7	1,053	1.8

Since its incorporation in 1901, the Town of Biscoe has experienced continuous but rather erratic growth. Its population increased from 697 in 1910 to 1,053 in 1960. The slowest rate of growth, 1.8 percent, occurred between 1950 and 1960. The fastest growth, an increase of 22.7 percent, took place between 1940 and 1950.

Over the fifty year span from 1910 to 1960, Biscoe grew faster than Montgomery County but slower than Biscoe Township as a whole. However, during the decade 1950-1960, Biscoe's growth rate of only 1.8 percent was below that of the county and the township. Its growth rate was well below the 12.2 percent for North Carolina.

A comparison of birth and death rates as shown in Table 2 reveals that from the standpoint of natural increase in population (excess of births over deaths) the growth rates for Montgomery County and North Carolina should have been about equal. Assuming that the county's rates apply to Biscoe, then